

### Biography

Joe Sestak is serving his second term as the Representative from Pennsylvania's 7th Congressional District, which includes most of Delaware County and parts of Chester and Montgomery Counties.

Born and raised in Delaware County, Joe Sestak spent 31 years serving our nation in the U.S. Navy, rising to the rank of three-star Admiral.

Joe Sestak brings to Congress the same dedication and commitment with which he served this country in the Navy. As a member of Congress, Joe is working to strengthen our country's national security - national security that begins at home in the health, education, and economic promise of our people, as well as our defense security. Joe's primary focus is on fixing problems and moving our country forward - not on governing from the left or on the right.

During his distinguished career in the Navy, Joe led a series of operational commands, culminating in the command of the George Washington aircraft carrier battle group, which consisted of 30 U.S. and allied ships, 15,000 sailors, and close to 100 aircraft. Under Joe's watch, the George Washington battle group conducted combat operations in Afghanistan and precursor operations to the war in Iraq.

Joe also served in President Clinton's White House as the Director for Defense Policy on the National Security Council. After 9/11, he was selected to serve as the first Director of "Deep Blue," the Navy's anti-terrorism unit where he worked to establish new strategies for the Navy to fight the Global War on Terror.

After graduating from Cardinal O'Hara High School, Joe followed in the footsteps of his father, a Navy captain who served in World War II, and attended the U.S. Naval Academy, where he graduated second in his class. Joe also holds a MPA, and a PhD in Political Economy and Government, from Harvard University.

Joe has one brother and six sisters. He and his wife, Susan, have a daughter, Alexandra.

## Committees and Subcommittees

### [House Armed Services Committee](#)

- Seapower and Expeditionary Forces Subcommittee
- Air and Land Forces Subcommittee
- Oversight and Investigations Subcommittee

### [House Education and Labor Committee](#)

- Early Childhood, Elementary and Secondary Education Subcommittee
- Health, Employment, Labor and Pensions Subcommittee

### [House Small Business Committee](#)

- Finance and Tax Subcommittee
- Contracting and Technology Subcommittee
- Regulations, Healthcare and Trade Subcommittee